(c) how the Ministry is coordinating with the Finance Ministry in this regard to save the textile trade in the country?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) The Government had introduced duty drawback rates of textile items on weight basis w.e.f. 19.1.2005 instead of earlier system based on FOB value and per piece norms. However, in the Drawback Schedule, 2005-06, which was notified on 2nd May, 2005, the duty drawback rates on *ad valorem* basis was reintroduced.

(b)The weight based drawback rates had the impact of reduction of admissibility of drawback on high valued items and increase in duty drawback rates on low value export items. The admissibility of duty drawback rates is dependent on many factors such as FOB value of exports, incidence of fiscal levies on the inputs of export product, the quantum of exports, etc.

(c) The Ministry of Textiles have constantly been interacting with the trade and the problems of the trade are appropriately taken up with Ministry of Finance for their resolution.

Technology mission on jute

1104. SHRI C. PERUMAL:
SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Jute Technology Mission is being implemented;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the incentives given for exports of jute products?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA): (a) to (c) There is a proposal to implement a Jute Technology Mission. However, this is yet to be approved by the Competent Authority.

Pitiable condition of weavers in the country

†1105. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the condition of the

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

weavers in the country, particularly of the eastern UP is pitiable and they are on the verge of starvation;

(b) whether Government are formulating a plan for the purchase of clothes made by them to improve the condition of the weavers so that there may be resuscitation of the weavers of the areas like Akbarpur, Tanda, Varanasi, Azamgarh, Mubarakpur and Bhiwandi;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA): (a) No such reports have been received from the State Governments, including U.P.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The Government is providing marketing support to the handloom sector under the following schemes:

1. Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana.

2. Marketing Promotion Prgramme.

3. Handloom Export Scheme.

Besides above, the Government of India has also been implementing the following schemes for the welfare of handloom weavers and overall development of handloom sector:

(1) Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme.

(2) Weavers Welfare Scheme comprising:—

*Health Package Scheme

* Thrift Fund Scheme

* New Insurance Scheme.

(3) Bunkar Bima Yojana.

(4) Integrated Handloom Training Project.